पर 96% तथा दो हैड नियामकों पर 97% से अधिक कार्य पूरा हो गया है ।

(ख) विलम्ब का कारण मुख्यतया निर्माण अभिकरणों द्वारा कार्य की धीमी प्रगति है । उन्हें कार्य में तेजी लाने के लिये कहा गया है ।

(ग) उत्तर प्रदेश तथा मध्य प्रदेश द्वारा क्रमश: 8.10 करोड़ रुपए तथा 4.37 करोड़ रुपए का अंशदान किया गया है ।

Setting up of a climate monitoring body

3554. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a climate monitoring body to review on a continual basis the emerging trends in global warning and its implication on the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) The government is considering setting up an advisory committee to advise the government on the issues of global warming and ozone layer depletion. The details are under consideration.

Certifying of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited bonds as tax free

3555. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Board of Direct Taxes has refused to certify the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited bonds as tax-free, if so, whether the present subscribers will accept them;

(b) what was the reasons for taking such a decision and whether it can be reversed and whether negotiations are going on between the Controller of Capital Issues and CBDT on one hand and the aggrieved parties on the other; if so, with what results;

(c) whether Bank of India has been paid higher commission on the issue; if so, what are the reasons therefor and whether MTNL has demanded the refund of the excess fees; and

(d) whether the controller of capital issues will take punitive action against the bankers for flouting its directives; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir. Central Board of Direct Texes has not refused to certify the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited bonds as tax-free. Bank of India continues to remain as Registered holders of 10 years-9 per cent (tax free) secured redeemable non-convertible Bonds (2nd issue) in the Nigam's Books.

(b) The question does not arise. There are no negotiations going on between the Controller of Capital Issues and CBDT on the one hand and the aggrieved parties on the other.

(c) Payment of commission, etc are matters of commercial arrangement between the concerned organisations.

(d) No directives have been issued by the CCI to Bank of India and as such the question of taking punitive action does not arise.

Socio-economic conditions of tea plantation workers

3556. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the socio-economic conditions of the tea plantation workers in the Dooars area in Jalpaiguri, West Bengal is deteriorating;

(b) whether it is, also a fact that a large number of tea gardens out of a total of 153 are becoming sick;